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Subject: Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools
Date: August 15, 2023 at 6:15 AM
To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



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Subject: Fwd: Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools
Date: August 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



Laura Weddle

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Cc: Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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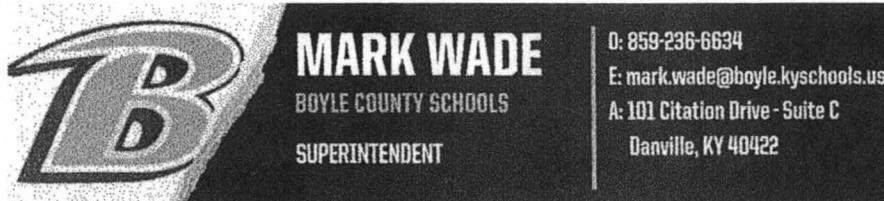
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From: Lois Quilligan lois.quilligan@gmail.com

Subject: Book Removal

Date: August 15, 2023 at 1:49 PM

To: jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us,
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Date: August 16, 2023 at 7:45 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



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From: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

Subject: Fwd: Concerned

Date: August 18, 2023 at 4:51 PM

To: lisa.rogers3@uky.edu

Cc: Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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From: "Rogers, Lisa A." <Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu>
Date: August 15, 2023 at 3:24:16 PM EDT
To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Concerned

Sent from Mail for Windows

Ms. Weddle,

I am very dismayed to hear that our schools have been removing books from the school libraries in response to SB150. I encourage the school board to reconsider this position. We choose to send our child to Boyle County due to the esteemed educational reputation; I feel that the decision to censor or ban reading material will begin a detrimental decline in the ability to provide the level of education Boyle County has built its reputation on.

Respectfully,
Lisa A. Rogers

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From: eric6lewis@gmail.com
Subject: SB150 and Library Censorship
Date: August 16, 2023 at 11:16 AM
To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



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The passage of SB150 has, overall, put school districts in the very difficult position of being forced to adopt policies that are harmful to some of their students. I respect and understand how hard this is for school leadership but this is a slippery slope of censorship that will likely result in backfiring at some point. History has proven that censorship of any kind eventually fails. I'm positive that those parents opposed to many of the books that may be removed are likely parents that haven't even read the books themselves. State legislatures are leveraging fear, racism, and ignorance to ensure they remain in office and using SB150 to further their cause and use you as pawns in their efforts to remain in power.

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Eric Lewis
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703-459-0654

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From: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Fwd: Concerned parent
Date: August 18, 2023 at 4:55 PM
To: chapina1144@gmail.com
Cc: Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



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Date: August 17, 2023 at 8:00:51 AM EDT
To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us
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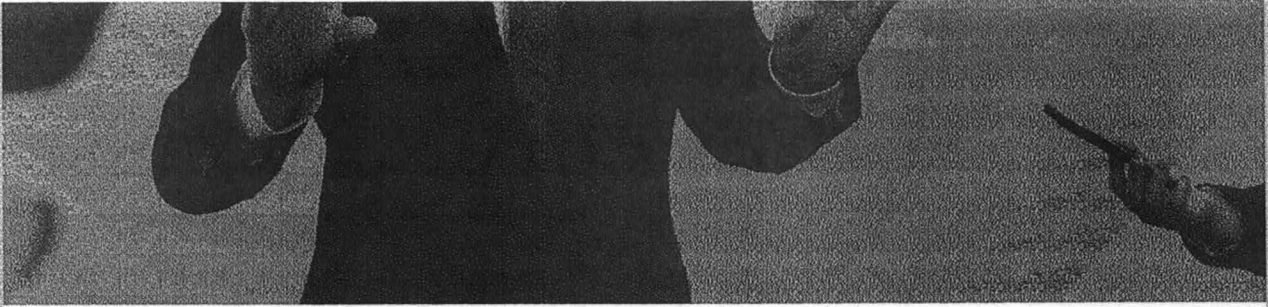
Dear Ms. Weddle,

My name is Augustine Chapin, I am the mother of a 7th grader at BCMS and a 4th grader at JCES. I am dismayed and extremely disappointed to learn that our schools have been removing books from the libraries in response to SB150. I urge the school board to reconsider this position.

We chose to move to the Boyle County School system instead of staying in our home in Danville because Boyle has been working hard to cultivate an environment of academic excellence. I am concerned that gaining a reputation for book banning would jeopardize and undermine those efforts.

Thank you for considering,
Augustine Chapin

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North Carolina GOP Lawmakers Override Gov. Cooper's Veto On Culture War Legislation

By Brandon Drey

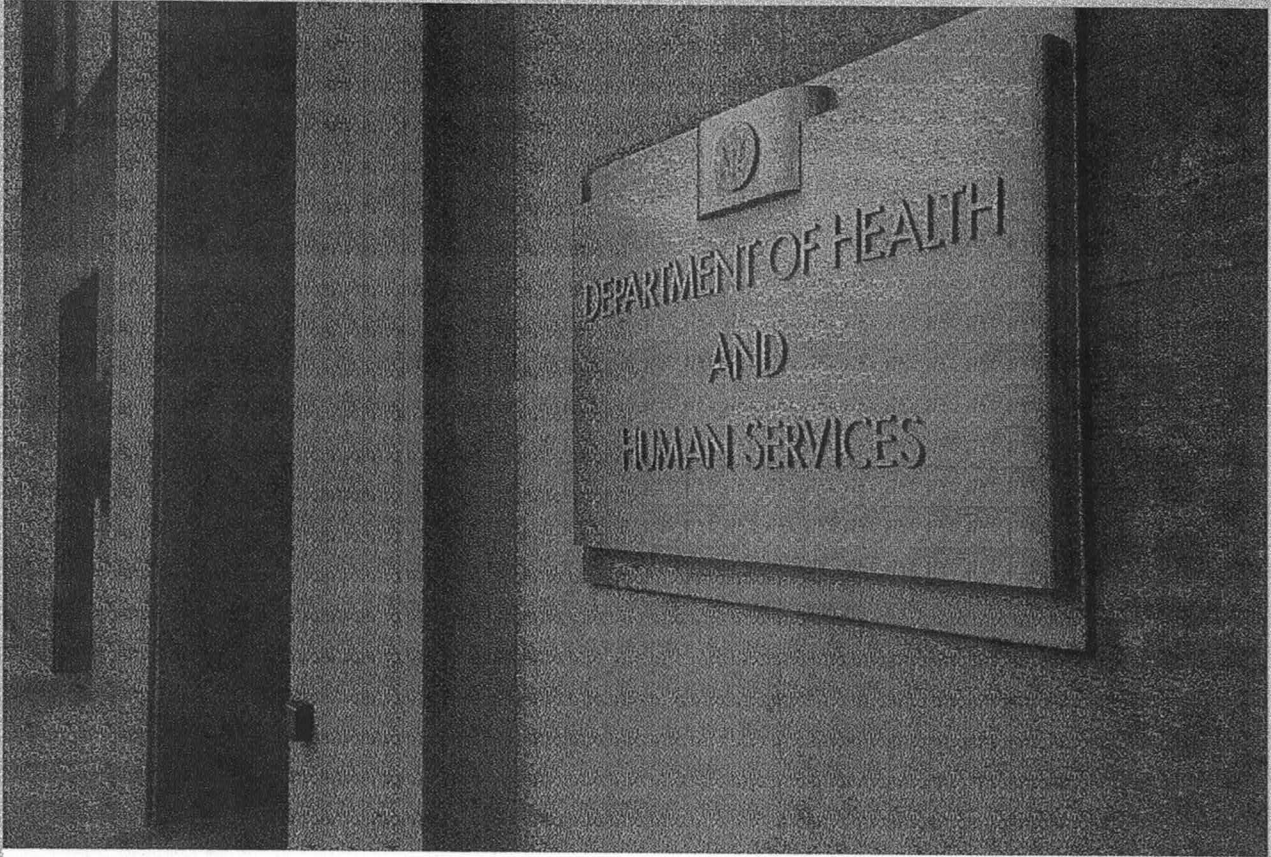
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From: Lila Rose lila.rose@liveaction.org
Subject: Why is our culture so sexualized?
Date: August 17, 2023 at 4:03 PM
To: mwadeagr@gmail.com



Mark,

Have you thought about why and how our culture has become so sexualized?

Modern society's views on sex largely originated from sexologist Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956) who is known as "The Father of the Sexual Revolution."

Despite having no rightly-founded expertise in the field of sex and marriage, he became the primary professor for Indiana University's marriage preparation course, and he wrote the books, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" and "Sexual Behavior in the Human Female."

These books - somehow - became the standard for sexual education and have caused immense damage to our cultural mindset... and they continue to do so.

The first step to addressing any problem is simple awareness. I ask you to read the 4-part series about Kinsey on our Live Action News website.

If you only have time to read one right now, I suggest you read part two, which describes the house of cards that was Kinsey's research:
<https://www.liveaction.org/news/highly-unreliable-research-sexologist-alfred-kinsey/>

(I must warn you - the content in these articles is difficult to read and is not appropriate for young readers.)



You can find part one, which gives a brief description of Kinsey's life and how he ended up as a sexologist, here.

Part three explains how Kinsey got "data" about child sex from pedophiles.

You can read about how Kinsey wanted to shape sex education - and succeeded - in part four.

Kinsey was known to the public as a family man and a man of science, but his "research" was actually driven by his personal obsessions with—and tendencies toward—homosexuality, exhibitionism, masochism, and masturbation.

Kinsey believed science should entirely replace religion... which is ironic because his "science" was not even based on real facts.

He tried to prove that abnormal sexual behavior was actually normal... but his "evidence" was based on the behavior of outliers, namely, sex offenders (including pedophiles).

Undoubtedly, Kinsey was not far from being a sex offender himself, as his students told of him engaging in sexual, inappropriate behavior right in front of them. And yet, his "research" has become so widely accepted that it's being used in schools across the country, even today.

You might recognize Kinsey's name from your own school textbooks growing up. And, if you pay close attention, you might notice Kinsey's influence within the school curricula of the children in your life right now.

Knowing the mass influence of such a disturbed and morally depraved man, are we surprised that sexual behavior once recognized as deviant has now largely become mainstream?

Additionally, are we surprised that this kind of sexual so-called “freedom” has led to a widespread abortion mindset?

Although we may find ourselves squirming in our chairs, we must look at the sobering and shocking facts of history that have shaped our world today.

I find it deeply disturbing that influences like Kinsey are left unchecked and proceed to spread like wildfire.

Each part of this series provides important facts that allow you to see how our culture has become the sex-saturated place it is, and ultimately how abortion has become de-stigmatized for so many across the country.

Mark, did you already know about Kinsey’s atrocious influence on education and culture? Did you learn anything new about the gravity of this problem through this 4-part series?

We have no time to lose in keeping ourselves educated and passionate about ending the sexual immorality that leads to the killing of preborn children in our country. I’d love to hear your thoughts on Kinsey’s influence - just reply to this email.

For Life,

Life Boss

Lila Rose

Founder and President

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From: Governor's School for the Arts gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org
Subject: GSA 2024: Now Seeking Applicants and Ambassadors!
Date: August 17, 2023 at 5:04 PM
To: mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



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Application Timeline & Important Dates

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Louisville, Kentucky 40202

From: Susan Weston spweston@gmail.com
Subject: Requesting clear book removal policy
Date: August 13, 2023 at 1:27 PM
To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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Dear Mrs. Weddle:

Thank you for stepping up to serve on the Boyle School Board, and I respectfully urge your Board to set written public policy on how your school libraries will respond to recent state legislation.

I'm a Danville resident, but I'm a Kentucky citizen concerned about students and schools all over the commonwealth. I'm writing in that capacity.

A book purge has been underway. In the last few months, more than 250 books have been removed from libraries in your school system, including some purchased within the last year. Below my signature, I'm attaching the lists for Junction City Elementary, Boyle Middle, and Boyle High. My lists are based on 201 pages your district provide in response to an open records request.

The titles and purchase dates make it clear that the removals have been no ordinary tidying up. A set of topics are being eliminated. On those issues, books are being eliminated not only based on main topics, but based on brief mention as part of accurate biographies.

Other Kentucky districts are not stripping down their libraries. What has happened in Boyle is more extreme than in neighboring districts. There are other highly-ranked school systems that Boyle has been challenging for state statewide prestige—and they are not doing anything this radical.

No law requires these removals. SB 150 and SB 5 do not call for wide book removals, and they certainly do not require giving up hundreds of valuable texts the Boyle County Schools acquired for student use. I've attached an analysis of the new statutes along with copies of those laws. Your district can comply fully with the law without doing this harm to your libraries.

Please, keep moving forward building a district known for impressive commitment to learning and impressive results for students. Please, give your community and those in neighboring communities a public statement on when and why Boyle will remove books from its libraries.

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Subject: Re: Requesting clear book removal policy
Date: August 16, 2023 at 10:13 PM
To: Susan Weston spweston@gmail.com



Susan,
I really appreciate you reaching out. I, too, felt concerned about the removal of books from the school system libraries and have spoken directly with administration regarding the situation. They are working to address and respond to the concerns (shared by many) and I feel confident there will be a resolution soon.

Always feel free to reach out- I highly value the input of the community. Also, I encourage you to perhaps meet with the superintendent to voice your concerns. As he just stepped into this position, I know he is eager to serve and values the voices of Boyle's community members.

Laura

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